

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1, 4, 7-9, 16-19, 27-28 and 38 will be pending. Claims 2-3, 5-6, 10-15, 20-26, and 29-37 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims drawn solely to the elected invention would overcome this objection.

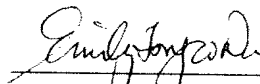
As amended, Formula I(i) and Formula I(j) in claim 1 correspond to the formula in claim 9 and claim 18, respectively, except R³, R⁶, R⁷ and R⁸ are defined as originally filed (i.e., H or C₁₋₆ alkyl). The remaining substituents in Formula I(i) and Formula I(j) are as defined in the final rejection dated August 2, 2007. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims can be examined without undue burden. To establish that an "undue burden" would exist, the Examiner must show that examination of the claims would involve substantially different prior art searches, making examination burdensome. (See, MPEP § 803.01). Furthermore, if the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number or so closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits. (MPEP § 803.02).

Based on the above, the claims have been amended to obviate the objections. Applicant therefore requests that the claim objections be withdrawn and the pending claims be passed to issue.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at (858) 812-1539. In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-1885** referencing docket No. P1095US10.

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